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RE: Application No.: 10/680,923 - Filing Date: October 8, 2003  
 Applicant(s): Peter Bongartz et al.  
 Group Art Unit: 3679  
 Examiner: Gregory J. Binda  
 Title: Retainer Ring For Tripod Constant Velocity Joints  
 Attorney Docket: 46107-0097  
 Reply To Final Office Action Dated: May 26, 2005

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| <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b><br><b>for FY 2005</b>  |  | Application Number       | 10/680,923       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27                                    |  | Filing Date              | October 8, 2003  |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b> $x > \$$ <b>\$0.00</b>   |  | First Named Inventor     | Peter Bongartz   |
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| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       |                |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fees Paid (\$) |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small EntityFee (\$)

50      25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200      100

Multiple dependent claims

360      180

Multiple Dependent Claims

| Total Claims | Extra Claims   | Fee (\$)  | Fee Paid (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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| 5            | - 20 or HP = 0 | x \$50.00 | = \$0.00      |          |               |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 26, 2005 for which the three-month shortened-statutory period for response is set to expire on August 26, 2005. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.